reliance for procurement of power generating equipment continues to be placed on indigenous manufacturers. Import of power generation equipment is resorted to only to the extent that it becomes necessary to tap external financial assistance or where equipment is not available indigenously. While resorting to such imports, the interests of indigenous manufacturers are kept in view.

Tenders for Bijapur Petrochemical Complex

*152. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has invited tenders for implementing the Bijaipur Petrochemicals Complex alongwith HBJ Pipeline project; and

(b) what are the products to be manufactured by this project apart from Propylene-based products and LPG separation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) GAIL have submitted a proposal to Government for implementing a gas separation and petrochemical project at Bijaipur. The first stage clearance has been given and GAIL have been asked to prepare a project feasibility report.

(b) This propsal does not include production of any product other than, propylene and polypropylene Production of LPG at Bijaipur has also been proposed in a separate project.

Raids by DESU

*153. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enforcement branch of DESU recently conducted raids on induction furnace units in certain areas in Delhi for fraudulent abstraction of energy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of cases (with names of the units) in which fictitious seals and load of the furnace in excess of the sanctioned load were detected; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government against these induction furnace units for fraudulent use of energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to DESU, premises of 33 induction furnaces were raided during the period July to October, 1988. Fictitious seals were detected on metering cubicles of 12 furnaces, the details of which are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House (see below). Other irregularities like misuse, excess load and subletting were noticed in respect of 10 other induction units.

(c) 10 criminal cases for fraudulent abstraction of Energy under Section 39 and 44 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910 have been registered with the police. Six of these cases are under investigation with the CBI. Penalty for misuse, excess load, sub-letting etc. is being levied in the case of other furnaces.

Statement

List of induction furnaces wherein fictitious seals on metering cubicals were detected

1. M/s. Saraf Steel (P) Ltd., Okhla Estate.
2. M/s. Alankar Metals (P) Ltd., Okhla Ph. I.